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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION DELEGATION VISIT TO PRC

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1. SUMMARY. AN EC COMMISSION DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO VISIT PEKING IN JULY FOR FURTHER EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS ON AN EC/PRC TRADE AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY

2.FOLLOWING DISCUSSION IN COREPER LAST WEEK, EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARE PLANNING TO ACCEPT A CHINESE SUGGESTION THAT A COMMISSION DELEGATION GO TO PEKING FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS ON AN EC/PRC TRADE AGREEMENT. THE TIMING OF THE VISIT AND COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE WORKED OUT AFTER TALKS WITH THE PRC MISSION IN BRUSSELS, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DELEGATION WILL LEAVE IN JULY AND THAT IT WILL BE HEADED BY COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS ROLAND DE
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3. COMMISSION EXTERNAL RELATIONS OFFICIALS (MASLEN AND FOUERE) HAVE TOLD US THAT THE TWO SIDES REMAIN AS FAR APART AS EVER ON THE TWO STICKING POINTS REGARDING A TREADE AGREEMENT OUTLINED REFTEL: THE EC'S INSISTENCE UPON A SAFEGUARD CLAUSE AND THE PRC'S INSISTENCE UPON A "BALANCED TRADE" CLAUSE. MASLEN TOLD US THAT EC

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MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE COMMISSION/COREPER CHINE WORKING GROUP HAVE STRESSSED THAT COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD MAKE "NO COMMITMENTS" DURING THEIR PEKING TRIP. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER, FOUERE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION DELEGATION WILL BE GOVERNED BY GENERAL GUIDANCE FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CONDUCTING EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH THE PRC; THE COMMISSION WILL NOT SEEK A FORMAL MANDATE FOR NEGOTIATING A TRADE AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER ALL DISPUTED POINTS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT.

3. DE KERGORLAY TOLD DCM RECENTLY THAT COMMISSION HOPES TO RESOLVE MOST POINTS DURING JULY VISIT AND CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FALL. HE ALSO SAID INTENTION IS TO INVITE THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTER TO BRUSSELS FOR SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT, POSSIBLY SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER. HINTON

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